

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

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COMPONENT MEDICAL SOCIETIES

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The Alameda County Medical Association was unusually fortunate in having as a guest speaker at a special meeting held on Saturday evening, July 5, the well-known orthopedist, Surgeon-in-Chief of the Accident Hospital of Vienna, Dr. Lorenz Böhler.

Dr. Böhler talked at great length on the treatment of fractures of various types, illustrating his talk by lantern slides and moving pictures. He showed the common, as well as the unusual, types of fractures of practically all of the bones of the skeleton, together with his methods of treatment, which were unique in that he uses twenty cubic centimeters of a two per cent novocain solution to completely anaesthetize the part before adjustment is made. He also illustrated in detail the use of the unpadded plaster cast, of which he is the originator. He illustrated a novel method of keeping the salient points of the history and the nature of the injuries before the physician at all times by recording them on the plaster cast and roughly sketching an illustration of the fracture.

This was Dr. Böhler's only lecture in the Bay Region, and those who heard him agree that he is a master in his line.

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary*.

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NAPA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, June 4, at the Napa Valley Country Club. A splendid banquet preceded the business meeting, which was opened by Dr. G. I. Dawson, president. It was moved and carried that Napa County Medical Society approve the appointment of Doctor Abbot, of Alameda County, as a member of the Board of Medical Examiners.

The following members from Sacramento favored us with a most interesting program.

Dr. F. F. Gundrum, "Irregularities of the Heart."

Dr. T. R. Haig, "Low Back Injuries."

Dr. Harry M. Kanner, "Low Flap Caesarean," illustrated with lantern slides.

Dr. J. B. Harris, "Impending Medical Legislation."

Members present: H. V. Baker, W. L. Blodgett, M. M. Booth, I. E. Charlesworth, H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Gregory, C. A. Johnson, A. K. McGrath, D. H. Murray, C. E. Nelson, R. S. Northrop, J. Robertson, L. Welti.

Visitors: J. W. Green, Vallejo; J. E. Hughes, Vallejo; M. K. Lewis, Petaluma; A. McLeish, Veterans Home; S. Z. Peoples, Petaluma; H. S. Rogers, Petaluma; J. W. Sewel, Petaluma; D. B. Williams, Imola.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held, according to custom of many years, in Santa Maria, July 14. A fine barbecue

* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellaneous.

dinner was served at the Santa Maria Club to sixteen members, five visitors from Los Angeles, and eleven from San Luis Obispo County.

There being nothing of importance, routine business was dispensed with and Dr. O. C. Jones, vice-president, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Howard L. Updegraff, of Los Angeles. He gave a very full and interesting talk on "Methods of Reconstructive Surgery," profusely illustrated by colored slides and moving pictures.

The great recent advance in removal of deformities, new technique in skin grafts for forming new noses and restoration following traumatism, cancer, ulcerations and burns on the face and body.

Models, moulds and methods were graphically shown.

Discussion by Dr. J. D. Lewis.

PHILIP C. MEANS, *Secretary, pro-tem*.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The annual meeting of the Santa Clara County Medical Society was held in the Society Rooms of the Medico-Dental Building, June 18. The retiring president, Dr. E. Paul Cook, called attention to the fact that for the previous year the average attendance at the meetings was sixty-four or 43 per cent of the membership.

During the past year, under the chairmanship of Dr. Earl O. G. Schmitt, a county medical library has been established in the Society Room of the Medico-Dental Building, where over forty of the leading medical magazines will be regularly received.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. C. M. Burchfield; first vice-president, Dr. George L. Barry; second vice-president, Dr. Robert A. Powers; third vice-president, Dr. R. H. Prien; secretary, Dr. Dudley Fagerstrom; assistant secretary, Dr. Lucas W. Empey; treasurer, Dr. Harry J. Hoag; councilors-at-large, Dr. E. P. Cook, Dr. A. A. Shufelt, and Dr. Earl O. G. Schmitt.

JOHN HUNT SHEPARD, M. D., *Assistant Secretary*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Fresno County—Carl H. Shuck.

Humbolt County—Lloyd G. Tyler.

Kern County—Henry G. Crease.

Riverside County—Lewis P. Bolander.

San Diego County—Axentie T. Babienco, Otto August Houzvicka, Ralph Kaysen.

Siskiyou County—Louis Joseph Lista.

Resignations

John R. Williams, from Santa Clara County.

Martin McAulay, from Monterey County.

Deaths

Gwaltney, John Sanford. Died at San Pedro, July 2, 1930, age 71 years. Graduate of Keokuk Medical College, Iowa, 1891. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Gwaltney was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Schmitz, John. Died at Los Angeles, May 31, 1930, age 75 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1882. Licensed in California, 1888. Doctor Schmitz was a member of the Los Angeles County

Medical Association, the California Medical Association and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Watters, Peter Kemp. Died at Watsonville, June 24, 1930, age 76 years. Graduate of State University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, 1879. Licensed in California, 1893. Doctor Watters was retired, a former member of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society, the California Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

Weber, Philip Henry. Died at Yosemite, July 7, 1930, age 49 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1905. Licensed in California, 1905. Doctor Weber was a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, the California Medical Association and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

Officers Elected, Woman's Auxiliary of the American Medical Association.—The newly elected officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Medical Association for the coming year are:

President, Mrs. Newton Hunsberger, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

President-elect, Mrs. A. B. McGlothlan, St. Joseph, Missouri.

First Vice-President, Mrs. Southgate Leigh, Norfolk, Virginia.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. James Blake, Hopkins, Minnesota.

Third Vice-President, Mrs. C. W. Garrison, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. James F. Percy, Los Angeles.

Treasurer, Mrs. F. L. Adair, Chicago.

Recording secretary, Mrs. A. T. McCormack, Louisville, Kentucky.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. C. Podall, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Directors, Mrs. Basil L. Connelly, Detroit; Mrs. Ephraim R. Mulford, Burlington, New Jersey; Mrs. Frank W. Cregor, Indianapolis.



A letter from the secretary-treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association to the women of the Auxiliary:

Have you heard the good news? Our state president, Mrs. James F. Percy, of Los Angeles, has become our national fourth vice-president. I am sure you all wish to congratulate Mrs. Percy for this honor she brings back to us all.

Since the Del Monte meeting, I have been getting acquainted with the office of secretary-treasurer and feel most enthusiastic about the work that was accomplished by Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Cushman last year and the work that can be accomplished this year. Of course, in order to make this organization 100 per cent we must all be interested and endeavor to interest every other woman eligible for membership. This we must do by making our meetings interesting and purposeful.

No organization can live without a purpose. The auxiliaries have so many vital things they can be doing that it is difficult to choose what to do first. Mrs. George H. Hoxie, the retiring president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Medical Association, has said, "Educate yourself in the disease prevention and health promotion and then get a strategic place in some other women's organization and carry the educational work with you." With this in mind, the National Program Committee has prepared a series of study programs, which I am mailing to all

of the county units, and hope this will give you some definite work to do in "educating yourselves." Dr. William Duffield suggested, in his talk at Del Monte, a list of books to read and discuss. These will be found at the end of Mrs. Cushman's minutes of the Del Monte meetings in the June issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

The object of the officers this year is to make this auxiliary permanent and 100 per cent in every way. The state dues for 1930 to 1931 were lowered as one step in this direction. The programs for study should be another step and the book reviews another.

May I give you some facts about the California Auxiliary? There are forty County Medical Associations in the state, with a total membership of 4,854 physicians. Doctor Duffield estimates that there are three women eligible to the auxiliary for each of these physicians. That would be 14,562 women in the state that *could* be members. What a potential force this great number would be if their efforts were intelligently and harmoniously coordinated!

Eleven county auxiliaries were formed in California since May, 1929. This is 27 per cent of the counties. The total paid-up membership of the units is 675. This is only four per cent of the eligible women in the state. These are distributed in the following counties:

Alameda County Auxiliary.....	58 members
Contra Costa County Auxiliary.....	17 members
Kern County Auxiliary.....	16 members
Los Angeles County Auxiliary.....	436 members
Monterey County Auxiliary.....	12 members
Napa County Auxiliary.....	15 members
Orange County Auxiliary.....	40 members
San Bernardino County Auxiliary.....	11 members
San Diego County Auxiliary.....	44 members
Santa Barbara County Auxiliary.....	7 members
Sonoma County Auxiliary.....	19 members

No organization can exist without members and new life. But with such a start and with the study programs, the book reviews, the lower dues and educational talks, enough interest should be aroused in every county to make this a very strong and enthusiastic association.

MRS. DEXTER R. BALL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, first vice-president, presiding in place of Mrs. J. F. Percy, at the large and enthusiastic meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, on June 19, in the Friday Morning Club Building. Mrs. Doane paid our absent president, who is attending the meeting of the National Auxiliary in Detroit, a well-earned tribute, referring to the high honor accorded Mrs. Percy at Del Monte in making her president of the State Auxiliary as being an honor to our Los Angeles County Auxiliary as well, since Mrs. Percy still remains with us as our president. Mrs. Doane then presented Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, of Santa Ana, secretary-treasurer of the State Auxiliary, who was a guest of the afternoon.

In introducing Dr. William Duffield as the speaker, Mrs. Doane made a happy reversal of the usually stilted introductory form, paying a graceful compliment to the speaker by introducing the audience to him. Doctor Duffield, she said, was a man who finished whatever he started, who believed whatever he said, who had the courage of his convictions. This estimate was confirmed in the substance of Doctor Duffield's address.

Needless to say, only the highlights of such an address, cryptic with useful suggestions and good advice, can be touched upon here. The speaker dwelt forcefully upon the possibilities of this Woman's Auxiliary organization and made the statement that if it accomplished nothing more than that of promoting acquaintanceship and friendship among the families of physicians, its influence for the betterment of the community and of the medical profession itself, would be tremendous.

Doctor Duffield spoke for only one hour, but in that hour he condensed a wealth of practical suggestions

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae Street, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

for the good of the community, the advancement of the medical profession and the exalted position that may be attained by the Woman's Auxiliary by its active participation. And he expressed his belief that such a position would be attained and this accomplishment greatly enhanced by the activities of the present organization which had so recently begun its important functioning.

A happy social hour at the tea tables followed Doctor Duffield's address. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be held during the third week in October—the announcements carrying the exact date being out about October 1.

CORA YOUNG WILLIAMS, *Publicity Chairman.*

UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

H. P. KIRTLEY, Salt Lake City.....President
WILLIAM L. RICH, Salt Lake City.....President-Elect
M. M. CRITCHLOW, Salt Lake City.....Secretary
J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building,
Salt Lake City.....Associate Editor for Utah

OFFICIAL NOTICE—ANNUAL SESSION

The annual meeting of the Utah State Medical Association will be held September 9, 10 and 11, this year.

While the program is not yet definitely outlined the committee has been at work with results. A large number of prominent men have accepted invitations to address the scientific sections, such men as Harlow Brooks, Wirthlin, Ivy, Dean Lewis and Leo Eloesser. Other names, it is expected, will be added. The names cited, however, assure the success of the scientific program of our annual session.

Aside from the scientific element there will be a somewhat elaborate program of entertainment for visiting speakers, members and their wives. The Woman's Auxiliary will cooperate to make this a social success. And then there will be the banquet.

Bill Donohur will probably be the "roast master" for the occasion. If he is, the flow of wit and joviality will be full and constant.

Mark the dates, September 9, 10 and 11, as not open for any other business and come for instruction, pleasure and enjoyment. We want the attendance to be large.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the St. Mark's Hospital on Monday evening, May 26, 1930.

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p. m. by President M. M. Nielson. Forty-six members and four visitors were present.

The following clinical program was presented:
"Pemphigus".....E. M. Neher
Discussed by C. J. Pearsall

"Lead Poisoning".....D. L. Barnard
Discussed by J. Z. Brown and F. E. Boucher

"Pathological Specimens".....O. Ogilvie
"Gastro-enterostomy".....Motion picture

The minutes of the meetings of April 28 and May 12 were read and accepted without correction.

The application of J. P. Tuttle was read and turned over to the Board of Censors.

F. M. Poulson was unanimously elected a member of the Society.

President Nielson announced that at the last meeting of the Board of the Radium Corporation \$600 was given the Society for use in defraying some of the expenses of the medical library.

M. M. Nielson appointed a committee, consisting of E. M. Neher, chairman; J. Z. Brown, and C. Shields, to investigate the advisability of the Society forming a credit rating bureau.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m., after which refreshments were served.

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The regular semi-annual business meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Newhouse Hotel on Monday evening, June 9.

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 p. m. by President M. M. Nielson. Forty-eight members were present.

A. C. Callister presented a case of "Thoracoplasty."

Committee Reports

A. C. Callister reported the work of the Committee on Public Health and Legislation. E. M. Neher moved that the report be accepted. Seconded and carried.

J. C. Landenberger reported for the Medico-Legal Committee. The report was accepted.

T. C. Gibson moved that the committee be given a vote of thanks for their excellent work in the past six months. Motion seconded and carried.

The reports of the Necrology Committee, J. U. Giesy, chairman, of the Library Committee, W. R. Tyndale, chairman, and of the Committee on Public Lectures, A. L. Huether, chairman, were accepted.

M. M. Nielson reported the action of the Board of the Radium Corporation and handed the treasurer a check for \$600 for use in defraying some of the expenses of the medical library. J. Z. Brown moved that the Society accept the gift and that it extend to the Radium Corporation a vote of thanks. Seconded and carried. J. Z. Brown also suggested that the Society cooperate in every possible way with the Radium Corporation.

The report of the Boy Scouts Committee, J. L. Paul, chairman, was accepted. J. Z. Brown moved that the Society urge the parents of Boy Scouts to consult their family physicians regarding vaccinations, and that the committee notify the local secretary of this action. Seconded and carried.

The Fee Schedule Committee, J. P. Kerby, chairman, presented the new fee schedule for adoption. This report was discussed by Doctors Coray, Phipps, Scott, Viko, Gibson and Beer. W. F. Beer moved that the report be adopted. Seconded and carried.

A. C. Callister, reporting verbally for the Caduceus Committee, stated that the committee had decided to suggest no changes in the handling of the Caduceus tax by the Police Department. The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Irregular Practices, D. G. Edmunds, chairman, was accepted after discussion by M. M. Nielson, J. Z. Brown, W. F. Beer and H. S. Scott.

Fee Table

The following amendment to the By-laws was passed:

"The fee bill adopted at this meeting is intended to represent the average fee under ordinary circumstances, both columns referring to minimum fees, the difference between them indicating common differences, depending upon the responsibility and judgment involved in treating different cases, and the ability of patients to pay. This fee schedule shall not attempt to indicate proper compensation in those cases requiring special skill, extraordinary responsibility, or unusual character of service. The Society recognizes the right of every member to charge what he believes to be a fair and adequate fee for services rendered, or to give the whole or any part of his services in charity; but it will be considered his duty to abide by the fee schedule herein mentioned whenever the circumstances of the patient do not clearly forbid. Any violation of the provisions of said fee schedule solely for the purpose of securing a patient shall be considered ipso facto cause for loss of membership. The usual procedure of this Society in the matter of filing a complaint against a member shall be followed."

The following resolution was presented by W. F. Beer:

WHEREAS, there are teachers in the Medical Department of the University of Utah who are devoting their whole time to the instruction of medical students, and

WHEREAS, several county medical societies in other states, and the American Medical Association, have an Associate Membership for teachers in medicine who have no M. D. Degree,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Salt Lake County Medical Society urge the Utah State Medical Association to so change its By-laws that the Salt Lake County Medical Society may form an Associate Membership for the purpose of admitting such teachers.

B. I. Burns moved the adoption of this resolution with the instruction for delegates of this Society to the State Convention to vote for the suggested change in the By-laws of the Utah State Medical Association. Motion seconded and carried.

J. P. Tuttle was unanimously elected a member of the Society.

The Society then proceeded to the election of delegates to the Utah State Medical Association meeting. The following delegates were elected: E. F. Root, F. M. McHugh, L. J. Paul, E. R. Murphy, B. E. Bonar, M. Schofield, J. A. Phipps, B. I. Burns, and D. G. Edmunds. The following alternates were elected: W. R. Tyndale, M. Nelson, and J. U. Giesy. A. C. Callister moved that three more alternates be elected. Motion seconded and carried. F. F. Hatch, L. W. Ossman, and C. Shields were elected by acclamation.

R. J. Alexander asked that the members of the Society, wishing to serve on the staff of the Salt Lake General Hospital make their applications immediately.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p. m.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.



WEBER COUNTY

Weber County Society has suspended meetings for the summer term following the meeting of June 30.

This meeting was one of the high spots in the year's activities, and was opened to all members of the State Association on invitation, the occasion being the presence of Dr. Lorenz Böhler of Vienna, Austria.

At 7:30 on the evening of Monday, June 30, a banquet in honor of Doctor Böhler was held at the Hotel Bigelow, Ogden. Following this the Doctor gave a lecture on his methods on fracture work, which has been recognized as outstanding for years.

The invitation to participate was accepted by numbers of men from the different component societies of the state, and a delightful and instructive evening was spent.

CONRAD H. JENSEN, *Secretary*.

Aspects of Birth Control as It Affects Physicians in Massachusetts.—On May 7, 1930, a meeting was held at the Medical Library by about seventy-five physicians to consider the subject of certain aspects of so-called birth control as it affects physicians in Massachusetts.

Dr. James F. Cooper of New York (formerly of Boston), Medical Director of the American Birth Control League and author of several treatises relating to contraception, addressed the meeting.

He gave a detailed account of conditions leading up to the enactment of laws in the several states and also the federal statute, explaining that the original federal law sponsored by Anthony Comstock was designed to abolish obscene and indecent literature and that no proponent of legislation relating to contraception had in mind a purpose to impose restrictions on physicians in dealing with the advisability of giving information with respect to the prevention of pregnancy.

The wording of the various laws has, however, created doubt as to the possibility of physicians having to meet prosecution based on complaint of some one antagonistic to the practice of giving advice to women who need to be spared the dangers of pregnancy.

Although doctors have been called before the courts because of alleged infraction of the laws relating to this subject none has been convicted; but it was explained that the fear of prevention has led to the conviction that the laws should be clarified so that, although intended to apply only to obscene or indecent literature, there would be no misunderstanding of its intent or misapplication of its purpose. At the present time, it was pointed out, many persons representing physicians and the laity feel that a change in the statutes is desirable.

The most effective organized movement was taken by the National Gynecological Society at a recent meeting in Washington by the appointment of a committee which will work for a modification of the federal statute.

Dr. Cooper enumerated the usual list of diseases which are regarded as justifying contraceptive practice and gave his personal opinion of the relative value of the various methods employed.

The address was a clear exposition of existing conditions and the purpose of those who desire to have the present laws modified. Dr. Cooper offered to supply appropriate literature to anyone who would apply. —*The New England Journal of Medicine*, May 15, 1930.

Yale's Institute of Human Relations.—The mere announcement that Yale University is establishing an Institute of Human Relations sounds as fantastic and presumptuous as the proposal of H. G. Wells to write a history of the world. And yet Mr. Wells did it and it looks as though the few remaining millions necessary to round out the building and endowment program of the so-called Human Welfare Group will be forthcoming. This group will consist of the Yale Medical School, the Yale School of Nursing, the New Haven General Hospital and Dispensary, and this so-called Institute of Human Relations, the whole representing an investment of some \$30,000,000.

Many agencies, religious, moral, social, governmental, medical, etc., are working along their respective lines in an effort to better human conditions. But there has been a surprising lack of correlation of these various activities. This correlation is what the Institute of Human Relations is going to attempt. The Institute in addition to being closely associated with the medical activities of Yale University will also be affiliated with the divinity and law schools, and the departments of psychology and sociology. Thus all university activities which have to do with man's mental, physical, and social welfare will be brought together to some extent under the one roof of the Institute. Research will be an important part of the Institute's work. Members of the graduate schools of medicine, law, and divinity will also have the benefit of instruction in other matters bearing on human welfare than their own.

There are certain subjects which might well be added or substituted if need be in undergraduate medical instruction of today to advantage. As a result of present-day medical training, it is only too easy for the young physician to see only the physical side of the patient and to forget that his mental attitude, family, and financial worries may play an important part in his complaint. We can see a distinct advantage in undergraduate instruction in psychology and sociology in furnishing the young physician of today with that something so valuable in the handling of patients which the family doctor of yesterday possessed in such large measure.

Such a praiseworthy attempt to evolve some solution for some of the tremendous social problems of today merits the support of serious-minded capitalists. That the Institute of Human Relations has obtained the generous support of such individuals as well as grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the General Education Board, and the Commonwealth Fund, is evidence of the sense of custodianship alive in at least some of our wealthy citizens. The results of this undertaking, which seems almost in the nature of an experiment, will be awaited with considerable interest by medical men especially.—*Minnesota Medicine*, May, 1930.